

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7 and 14-25 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications. Claims 2-4 and 8-13 and new claims 26-28 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 8 and 11 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found in paragraphs [0300] and [0301].

The abstract of the disclosure has been corrected as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 4, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Ueda et al. (U.S. Published Application 20020184200). The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Independent claim 2, as amended herein, comprises a "guide contents output means for outputting the generated guide contents on a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other, each image layer corresponding to an information source among the plurality of information sources." For instance, an electronic guide apparatus can selectively display place of interest (POI) information of different information providers on different layers. Each layer is a transparent sheet, and each information provider can put its icon on display or out of display on respective sheets. (See Figs. 27A and 27B and paragraphs [0300] and [0301] of the present application.)

Ueda, as applied by the Examiner, does not disclose this feature. Ueda discloses a presenting means comprising a display unit. The screen of the display unit may be arranged so that the plurality of the location-based information from the plurality of the information sources can be readily seen. That

is to say, the plurality of the location-based information of the plurality of the information sources may be displayed on a plurality of the screens separately, and at the same time, the plurality of the screens may be displayed to be viewed together at a time. Figs. 19A-C and 20A-C are examples of how the plurality of information sources are displayed on a plurality of screens. Ueda does not disclose that any of these screens are superimposed on each other.

Therefore, amended independent claim 2 is believed to be distinguishable from Ueda. For reasons somewhat similar to those described above with regard to claim 2, amended independent claims 8 and 11 are believed to be distinguishable from Ueda. Claim 4 depends from claim 2 and, at least due to such dependency, is believed to be distinguishable from Ueda.

Claims 3, 9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda in view of Muramatsu (U.S. Patent No. 6,868,337). The rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Claims 3, 9, 12 and 13 depend from claims 2, 8 and 11 and, at least due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Ueda. The portions of Muramatsu applied by the Examiner do not overcome the above described deficiencies of Ueda. As such, claims 3, 9, 12 and 13 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Ueda and Muramatsu.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

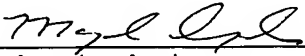
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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